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To Whom It May Concern:

The following comments pertain to docket numbers 98N-1230; 96P-0418 and 97P-0197.

- The FDA must do more than put Bacteria labels on egg cartons and regulate egg temperatures.
- The FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hen's immune systems.
- The FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health.
- The FDA must ban the forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs. CRUELTY AND CONTAMINATION ARE LINKED!
- The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

Your attention and action concerning the above issues is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert and Jann Moorehead

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